

BA 1997

TURNER-ALMONY DWELLING

1850-1876

PARKTON

PRIVATE

This is an old two-story frame double dwelling house in the "downtown" part of Parkton, missing from the 1850 map, but found in the 1876 tax ledger as an additional structure on the lot of the Parkton Hotel. The house was a rental property of the Turner estate that embraced most of the town and environs. The house is vernacular in style, except for barge boards on the gable ends. There is a small one-story rear wing for a kitchen. The entire house is covered with composition shingles. It is perched on a high fieldstone basement, entered by a vertical cellar door. Some repairs were in progress in 1980.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC TURNER-ALMONY DWELLING

AND/OR COMMON

Almony House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 18,838 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Benjamin H. Almony

Telephone #: Not listed.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21120

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: NBM 259

Folio #: 558

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Turner-Almony house just northwest of the Parkton Stone Arch Bridge is a plain duplex, vernacular in style, two stories, apparently without attic; a house existing at least as early as 1876 and decorated with only one Victorian touch: the bargeboards on the gable ends.

The house is five bays wide at front porch level and three bays at second-floor level. The front doors are set in the second and fourth bays from the south (or left) end of the house. The doors are solid, four-panel types with rectangular transoms above. All windows on the main facade (and on all other facades) are 6-over-6 double-hung sash types.

A one-story full-width front porch with a shed roof stands five steps above grade, reached by poured concrete steps. The porch deck is supported by concrete-block foundations. The roof is supported by four square posts, machine turned to various circular configurations at mid-length.

The ends of the main block are one bay deep, with a single 6-over-6 window at second-story level, none at first-story level. The rear of the main block is three bays wide at second-story level. At first-story level, only one of the bays contains a window (the southernmost), the other possible bays being obscured by a one-story kitchen wing.

The main block roof is gabled, covered with black rubber roofing material. The eaves overhang about a foot beyond the gable ends of the house and are decorated with wooden bargeboard decorations. The brick main chimney rises through the rear roof slope, an internal chimney located about midpoint in the long axis of the house.

The small, one-story, shed-roofed wing or kitchen annex is flush with the north end wall of the house; it is combined with a side porch and also has a low brick chimney; roofing is ribbed sheet metal, painted green. The porch deck and porch steps are of concrete and concrete-block.

The entire house is covered with white composition shingle and both house and wing are set on a high fieldstone foundation. A vertical cellar door is located in the south (left) foundation wall.

This previously vacant house enjoyed some basic repairs in 1980 and was again occupied.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****TURNER-ALMONY DWELLING**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES    1850-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This old frame double dwelling house with a number of Victorian touches was not on the 1850 map, when Parkton was practically undeveloped. However, it was found on the 1876 assessor's field book among the holdings of Martha Turner, who also owned the hotel building to the west. The property was called "Dwelling House and Wheelwright Shop" and evaluated at \$500. In the absence of surviving tax ledgers from 1852 to 1876, the date for any of the foregoing buildings would depend on some random discovery in early newspapers. (1)

Mrs. Turner left a large estate, which included most of the southern end of Parkton, and a plat drawn in 1892 to dispose of the lots showed that her holdings included the hotel, the dwelling house, and a blacksmith shop. (2) Both of the last two structures were on Lot C.

This house passed to a family member, Sarah Calder Fishel under Mrs. Turner's will. (3) In 1895, Mrs. Fishel and husband, George T. Fishel, conveyed 46 perches to Luella J. Rutledge for \$1200. (4) The 1896 tax ledger charged Mrs. Charles T. Rutledge with a quarter acre of land on the road leading from Parkton to Carrs Mill "called Bingo." The frame house was worth \$500. (5)

In 1902, Luella J. Rutledge sold most of this lot to Benjamin Harrison Almony. The boundaries skirted around the blacksmith shop at the southwest corner of the property, leaving it out. (6)

The property has remained in the name of Benjamin H. Almony ever since, although the present owner is actually the son of the original buyer. Tax records have consistently called this Lot #2 of the Almony properties, which include a now-closed general store on the opposite side of the railroad right-of-way. The 1918 tax ledger charged B. H. Almony with

Lot #2 in Parkton on York Road	\$125
Dwelling 10 x 15	
16 x 24    2 stories	400. (7)

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This house was vacant in the autumn of 1979, but it seemed to be undergoing repairs in early 1980. The blacksmith shop has taken a different line of descent and is extinct. The blacksmith shop remembered by local residents was superseded by the present post office building on the opposite side of the (original) York Road. This house is interesting for its connection with the support services of a horse-powered society.

NOTES:

1. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
2. B.C. Plats, JWS 1:79, 79A.
3. B.C. Wills, RTB 66:405.
4. B.C. Deeds, LMB 212:238.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, Entry #501-112.
6. B.C. Deeds, NBM 259:558.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 401.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Baltimore County Deeds, Wills, Plat Books, Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 46 square perches**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

South 93 feet  
 E 108 feet  
 N 43 feet to corner of blacksmith shop  
 E 58 feet to center of York Road  
 N 72 feet along center of York Road  
 W 146 feet to beginning (No parcel number on Map 3)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE

COUNTY NONE

STATE

NONE

COUNTY

NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

April 4, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438





TURNER-ALMONY HOUSE BA1997  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
South & east (main) facades



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